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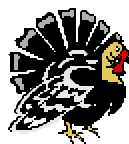
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Limited trading was reported. Offerings were light for both fresh and frozen whole birds. Demand was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Processors in full swing on fresh and frozen whole birds for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Demand was mixed. Offerings were adequate to ample.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and thigh meat, balance of items was slow. Buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market. Offerings were light to adequate, instances ample.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 03, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-88	84-88	86.53	150	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-88	86	86.00	22	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-84	84	84.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-84	82	82.00	35	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-88	86	86.00	51	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-88	85	85.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 04, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	84.80 **	81.67	80.37	EASTERN REGION	82.40	80.90	76.89
CENTRAL REGION	86.00	84.47	77.10	CENTRAL REGION	83.16	79.35	76.76
WESTERN REGION	86.83	81.98	78.55	WESTERN REGION	83.03	80.43	76.78
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00 **	82.90 **	76.21	EASTERN REGION	81.71	78.43	75.95
CENTRAL REGION	84.00	83.00	75.19	CENTRAL REGION	80.80	78.45	75.83
WESTERN REGION	82.00	81.50	77.78	WESTERN REGION	81.10	78.07	76.08

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Nov 07, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	99.99	10,913,500
16-24 lbs.	97.87	7,863,500

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	540,000
16-24 lbs.	--	520,000

Total Volume:	19,837,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 29-Oct-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	883	1	24.41	(A)	883 24.41
South Atlantic	789	11	25.57	(A)	789 25.57
North Central	2,245	1	30.99	(A)	2,245 30.99
South Central	855	9	17.63	(A)	855 17.63
West	672	126	23.25	(A)	672 23.25
U.S. total	5,444(B)	11	26.09	0	5,444 26.09
To-date					
2005	189,828(B)			186	190,014
To-date					
2004	187,119(B)			310	187,429

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 1,009,000; for last year to date 2,270,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	457,310*
October 1 - 29, 2005	425,685*

To date 2005	4,301,589*
To date 2004	4,209,292*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 29-Oct-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	2,642	2,789	13	0 5,444
Avg Wt	16.46	35.21	24.69	0.00 26.09
Last week	2,041	2,824	25	4 4,894
Same wk yr ago	2,165	2,926	63	2 5,156
Avg Wt	15.89	35.54	24.57	24.95 27.15
To-date/2005	77,337	111,482	1,009	186 190,014
To-date/2004	74,523	110,326	2,270	310 187,429

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 NOVEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak, tom full-cut wings steady to instances barely steady and tom necks steady at best. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances ample. Tom full-cut wing offerings adequate and starting to build in some spots and tom necks adequate. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady to firm for November deliveries, cautious for deferred shipments. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts light to moderate. Some buyers purchasing hand to mouth due to concern about future market conditions. Offerings short and spotty for current deliveries. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand slow to moderate for the light to adequate offerings. Trading was moderate on fresh tom breast meat at lower trending prices and on fresh tom drums for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat 95, tom defatted gizzards 62-63 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 43, fresh thigh meat 97 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	154.00	276
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	113.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		43.67	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00-44.00		42.60	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.50-49.00		48.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-47.00		46.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	38
NECKS, TOM		W	50.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	278.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	287.00-297.00		290.42	240
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	96.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	112.00	17
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	233.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	252.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00-78.00		73.38	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.75-22.00		21.10	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	42.67	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	37.00	52
TAILS	31.00-38.00		36.06	72
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	23.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	96.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 NOVEMBER 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, balance of white meat steady to instances fully steady with strength erosion noted on some items due in part to the declining fresh tom breast meat market. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to instances burdensome, balance of white meat mostly light to adequate with inventories varying by processor. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to weak. Demand and trading light for the adequate to ample offerings. Trading was active on contracts for 2006, plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for November-December shipments and on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 92, scapula 126, tom breast meat 206 floor and 200-210 ceilings for January-December, 2006, fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey 19 shipping point and 22-24 delivered January-December, 2006. For export (fresh): tom drums 43, thigh meat 98 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	154.00	276	154.00	276
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	112.00-115.00		114.99	522	114.99	522
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	43.67	60	44.03	83
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	42.60	320	43.08	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.00	20	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	48.75	80	48.70	101
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	45.00		45.00	22	45.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	46.33	60	45.14	102
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	38	117.00	38
NECKS, TOM	49.00		49.00	40	49.51	123
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	285.00-294.00		290.82	440	292.36	840
THIGH MEAT	98.00		98.00	40	98.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	96.00	30		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		M	112.00	17	112.00	17
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	230.00		230.00	80	231.14	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	73.38	104	73.07	134
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	247.00-252.00		247.85	79	248.22	119
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	40	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40	22.07	270
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	40	42.81	396
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	312	37.00	312
TAILS		R	36.06	72	35.61	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	23.00	40	23.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00-98.00		96.50	160	96.29	280

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